

City Manager's Friday Newsletter

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

February 2, 2016

7:00 Regular Meeting

- Discussion regarding 2016 solid waste rates
- Action authorizing City Manager to execute Questica Budget software agreement
- Action authorizing City Manager to execute Paymentus Corp merchant services agreement
- Action authorizing City Manager to execute interlocal agreement with Fire District #4
- Action to pass Resolution 1311 adopting City Council rules and procedures
- Action to adopt Ordinance regarding Snohomish Fee Schedule
- Action to pass Resolution adopting Snohomish Fee Schedule

The agenda list above is partial and

tentative. For further information, click here for the City website: http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCent

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City Council Discussion of Retail and Medical Marijuana Scheduled for February 16

The City Council's anticipated discussion of current prohibitions concerning retail recreational and medical marijuana sales, previously set for February 2, has been rescheduled to February 16.

The February 16 discussion is expected to include a review of new laws combining retail sales of medical and recreational marijuana, changes in distribution of state revenues and other aspects of the state's laws affecting how such sales may be permitted within cities. While no action on revising the City's codes prohibiting marijuana sales is expected at the February 16 meeting, the Council may direct staff at that time to develop code changes for action at a future meeting.

Under the state's laws cities are permitted to decide individually whether they wish to permit retail marijuana sales as well as permit cultivation and processing operations within their local zoning and land use regulations.

The City Council has up to this point prohibited any retail sales and commercial processing or cultivation within its land use regulations.

Hal Moe Pool Advisory Committee Meetings Begin this Month

The Hal Moe Pool Advisory Committee will be meeting the last Thursday of every month beginning January 28, 2016, from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Snohomish Senior Center, 506 Fourth Street, Snohomish. The public is encouraged to attend. Please check our website at http://ci.snohomish.wa.us/461/Hal-Moe-Pool-Site for more information.

Snohomish Senior Center, Great Hall **Meeting Date:** 1/28/2016 Location:

Meeting Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm 506 Fourth Street, Snohomish http://www.snohomishcenter.org/

> January 22, 2016 www.snohomishwa.gov

New Bus Service Scheduled For Snohomish as Result of TBD-Funded Improvements

New bus service to Snohomish by Community Transit (CT) is scheduled to begin in September primarily due to the upcoming improvements the City is making to the intersection of SR 9 and 30th Street.

The voter-approved Transportation Benefit District (TBD) funding for the SR 9 project is a key reason CT is preparing to add the new bus service, North Route 109. That's because the City's improvements are designed to improve traffic flow from 30th Street onto and across SR 9.

Coming from the north, Route 109 will come down SR 9 to 30th Street, then over to Bickford Avenue, then continuing down Avenue D with stops near the Park and Ride lot and at 15th Street, and proceeding south using Airport Road to rejoin Highway 9. From there, the bus will continue to Cathcart Way. It will take Cathcart to 132/128th and then to the Mariner Park and Ride. The route will proceed to the Ash Way Park and Ride in Lynnwood where it will connect with broader regional services. During peak times, the bus will travel every 30 minutes. During non-peak times and Saturdays the ride will be one hour Sunday service will take a little longer.

This is great news for Snohomish, making the community's bus service a cross roads at the intersection of Highways 2 & 9. It will provide greater service and flexibility for Snohomish citizens.

An additional route from Tulalip through Marysville to Lake Stevens, Route 209, will also be added at the same time. Again, this will provide more services for our citizens in moving around the County via public transportation, as the 109 and 209 will connect at the Lake Stevens Park and Ride.

A formal announcement will be made by Community Transit in the future. CT's added bus services are funded through the passage of the increased CT sales tax. Swift II is also being funded by that tax and will include new express service between Boeing and Canyon Park. The Route 109 will connect with Swift II.

The \$1.02 million project at SR 9 and 30th Street will add a new lane on 30th Street to facilitate left turns and reduce wait times for drivers making right turns and driving straight through the intersection. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

State and federal grant funds to design and construct the project are contributing \$909,000 of the total costs, and the TBD revenues are providing the remaining \$113,000 in project funding. The use of the TBD revenues as matching funds was critical in obtaining grant approvals.

In creating the TBD, Snohomish voters approved a two-tenths of one percent increase for ten years in the local sales tax rate that went into effect in 2011. The added tax rate produces approximately \$800,000 a year in revenue that is dedicated to street maintenance (such as overlays) and for two intersection improvement projects: the roundabout at Avenue D and 15th Street, completed in 2014, as well as the upcoming project at SR 9 and 30th Street.

2016 Calendar:

Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, January 26
Regular Meeting 7:30 am
City Hall Conference Room
116 Union Avenue

Parks and Recreation Board

Wednesday, January 27 Regular Meeting 7:00 pm City Hall Conference Room 116 Union Avenue Hal Moe Pool Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 28, see pg. 1
Open Government Committee
Monday, February 1, 5:00 pm
Snohomish Senior Center
506 Fourth Street

GroundFrog Day on January 30

Snohomish School District second graders are taking swim classes at the Snohomish Aquatic Center funded by *Swim for Life*, a nonprofit organization recently formed by local community members with the mission to make young people safer in the water. The Snohomish Chamber of Commerce GroundFrog Day in Snohomish event is joining efforts with the management team at the Aquatic Center to present the Lazy River Frog Race to benefit the *Swim for Life* project.



On January 30 at 2 pm, a "for frogs only race" will be held at the Aquatic Center in the recreational pool's "lazy river". Froggy fans can donate \$5 to purchase a frog to race, (that would be a toy frog) and if their frog wins, they receive a special prize package potentially worth as much as \$152.50. "Frog tickets" are available at the Aquatic Center or at the GroundFrog Day Celebration.

Winning frog race prize package:

- Make your child a star at the 2017 GroundFrog Day Celebration as a Jr. Prince or Princess of the 2017 GroundFrog Day Celebration. Arrive to the ceremony with Princess Amphibiana and Princess Frogalina and join Snohomish Slew as he makes his 2017 Frognostication to the crowd.
- \$100 gift certificate to Fred's Rivertown Alehouse Restaurant, a 10-session punch pass to the Aquatic Center donated by the Aquatic Center Management Team (\$42.50 to \$52.50 value, depending on pass type selected).

You need not be present to win, but we hope you will come to the GroundFrog Day Celebration on January 30, from 11 am to 1 pm in downtown Snohomish and see Slew make his famous frognostication of the coming of spring to the Pacific Northwest.

We will be introducing Princess Frogalina with returning Princess Amphibiana who will both be greeting Slew's fans. Continue the fun by attending the Lazy River Frog Race at 2 pm at the Aquatic Center. Slew's Pond Party swim session will follow the race. Get a \$1.00 off swim session coupon at the GroundFrog Day Celebration.

See more event day information at www.groundfrogday.com.

Watch for Your Solid Waste Survey!





The City Council has started review of all issues, aspects and options available for future solid waste collection, disposal and customer service to Snohomish residents and businesses. The City Council would like to hear from utility customers and is conducting a solid waste survey. This survey is planned to be included in the next two bi-monthly utility bill cycles. Customers and businesses located in the eastern part of Snohomish (billing cycle 2) are asked to watch for the survey that will be included in the January 31 utility bill. Please complete the survey and return it to City Hall with your utility billing payment, drop the survey in the utility bill after-hours drop box, or mail to City Hall. Survey results will be tallied and feedback will be provided to the City Council and community at a future City Council meeting this Spring of 2016.

Community Input Requested for Snohomish School District Superintendent Search

The Snohomish School District has hired Northwest Leadership Associates to lead the search for a new district Superintendent. Two evenings have been set aside for the community to give input to the search team. Everyone is welcome to attend. Wayne Robertson of Northwest Leadership Associates will facilitate each discussion. The meetings are:

- 7 pm, Thursday, February 4 at Valley View Middle School, 14308 Broadway Avenue, Snohomish
- 7 pm, Tuesday, February 9 at the district's Resource and Service Center, 1601 Avenue D, Snohomish

The District is also conducting an online survey, if you would like to participate visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2XDKNPV

Highlighted Land Use Applications in Process

The applications listed below are currently pending or under review. During the comment period associated with a development proposal, interested parties may submit comments for the project record. For additional information on any of these projects, the project file may be reviewed at City Hall during normal business hours. Staff is also available to respond to questions at the contact information below.

Posey Short Plat (two-lot short plat): 1706 Seventh Street

File #19-15-SP

Complete application determination issued October 6, 2015.

Notice of Application issued October 16, 2015.

Pending Administrative Approval.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Cady Landing Pedestrian Bridge: 40 Maple Avenue

File #21-15-SEPA

APPLICATION IS WITHDRAWN

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Park Avenue North Short Plat (four-lot short plat): 1915 Park Avenue

File #22-15-SP

Complete application determination issued December 16, 2015.

Notice of Application issued December 23, 2015.

Application is currently in review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Park Avenue South Short Plat (three-lot short plat): 1909 Park Avenue

File #23-15-SP

Complete application determination issued December 16, 2015.

Notice of Application issued December 23, 2015.

Application is currently in review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

For a complete list of all land use and development projects currently in review, please visit the City's website. http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2376